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Dear Bud,

When I returned home yesterday I checked what I received from the CIA. When you did not provide the copies you said you would some time back I had ordered them. However, I did not then and do not now have time to go over each. I find that those I have are numbered but beginning with 105 only. They then are numbered through 495.

If you lack any of these I can supply it. I presume, however, that you do have them because there was an inventory. I have had a student make a separate file of each by number and have checked the documents against the list.

Item 1, which I had not read, is provocative. However, while it is a reasonable presumption that it refers to the Oswald diary, the list does not say this. And I can think of other papers it can refer to and how obtained.

Jim and I are preparing to take some steps in another case that may interest you in this one.

Aside from those records in the inventory and not provided I believe there are other CIA records also not provided. I have asked for them and have received no response. If I had known that you had gone after these papers I might have been able to be of some help. In fact, if I had any Washington resources I might have been anle to get copies of those I think were given to someone else and not to me and perhaps you.

There is a limit to what I can do now more than before. However, I ma making efforts of which you know and some of which you probably do not. To the best of my knowledge they dé not duplicate. I hear that others are duplicating what I have done rather than helping with it.

If some of these work, as for the past more than a year I will be making them generally available. I have a press contact who has promised to arrange a press conference at which I can do this. We'll have to see if I get these things without a hearing, which I can't predict. What others have done on the Hill precludes any possibility of my doing anything there on such matters without more time and travel than I can now invest. It also means I have to work through other Members. Where this is important enough I can and will make the effort. None of this is secret. It is just that I can't let others know because I have to use that time for working. There are some who would seek to pre-empt, and that would not be helpful, so I would not let them know anyway.

As I think I told you I have arranged for a student to summarize these 1466 CIA pages. When it is done those who want a copy can have it. I can't now take time to read these files but when I've finished the draft of the book I will.

On Watergate-Wolfson: I have never lost interest in doing something. If I had not had all the discovery and hearing work to do in later 1974 I'd have read and edited the draft, which was completed before that work started, except for new conclusions. In fact, after the last time we discussed this in that general period I made another effort that I could not go through with when I learned I had phlebitis and was hospitalized. I was trying to get Post Mortem printed when I was able to sell certain things that enabled me to pay the printer. Virginia Durr had asked me to the services for Cliff. She and I have been friends since my Senate days and Cliff one of Lil's going back farthur. I met Abe Fortas again there, he remembered me and I was supposed to go in and see him. Instead I had to go to the hospital. Now it is not good for me to drive as far as Washington and back. I have to get up at 5:30 to catch the bus and unless I am able to leave Washington at 2 I have to have transportation home. This generally means students whose school work is suffering already, so I am limited in the time I can spend there. However, when I can arrange transportation and know in advance I still plan to write Fortas and try to make

an appointment. I think he can be helpful in different ways. If Jim and I know well in advance of some time I'll have to be there for court perhaps I can arrange to get back with someone who is not in scholastic difficulties.

Not knowing the man was well as you I can't fully explain Wolfson's reaction. I also do not know what Arvin told him, but I am satisfied Arvin believed this worthwhile. When I saw Wolfson, which was not for long and not with his attention, it did seem that buildups you had given others, I recall Turner, were among the counterproductive elements.

You may never have thought of this but a long series of similar experiences going back a decade have had much to do with the direction and nature of my work and what others regardm as its liabilities because they do not understand the priorities hese experiances have forced on me. Had it not been this way there is much we could have done and were not able to. I think the same has been true for the past year, particularly in the Congress.

Because there is nothing I can do about the situation I don't waste time trying. However, you might want to think of the warning I delivered a year ago, especially about Lane, and consider that prediction in the light of what all should have learned during this year.

Anson quotes a memo of yours on Gaudet. I have a different interest in Gaudet. I would appreciate a copy of that any anything relevant. I will be returning to this in the future. I did write about it almost ten years ago in something I was never able to get printed. I understandk Lane went to see him, too.

I heard from Gonzalez' office last week at a time when I could see nobody. There seems to be a new staffer. I expect a visit in the future. But I have never been to his office. And he has never asked anything of me.

I guess this updates you. If you want a further backgrounding on The Unimpeachment of Richard Nixon, as I told you I'll take the time. I think the potential is great but that the volume and nature of the writing presents a very serious problem. It weaves an enormous amount together, more than can be used commercially. There is more that could and should be added. You'd be surprised at some, even now.

Sincerely,